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## BLM HOSTS OPEN HOUSE IN WHITEHALL FOR FOREST RESTORATION

BUTTE, August 1, 2005 – Interested individuals are invited to a public open house on Wednesday, August 10, hosted by the Bureau of Land Management, Butte Field Office. The purpose of the meeting is for BLM to share information and gather public comment on a proposed forest restoration strategy, titled the Fish-Two Heart project.

The project area is approximately 13 miles west of Whitehall in the Fish Creek drainage. "Some of the actions we are proposing," stated Lindsey Goetz, project manager, "are timber removal, meadow and aspen restoration through thinning and burning, and fencing a small section of riparian habitat."

The open house will be held at the Jefferson Ranger District conference room on August 10 from 7-8:30 pm. For more information about the project or the meeting, contact Lindsey Goetz at the BLM, Butte Field Office, 533-7600.